



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Enjoy Family Time at Casey Community Center

Gaithersburg, MD (December 31, 2018) Beat cabin fever at Casey Community Center and take part in winter activities designed to bring families together for learning, hands-on crafts, and just plain old fun. Programs take place on select Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and admission fees are per person. Register online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/RecXpress. Casey Community Center is located in a uniquely restored dairy barn at 810 S. Frederick Avenue, just north of Shady Grove Road. Call 301-258-6366 for more information.

Game Night – Family Edition

Friday, January 11

Friday, February 8

7 – 9 p.m. (last entry at 8:30)

\$2

Let loose with board games and more at open play community game nights. Families can play together, challenge new opponents, or explore giant games. Concessions will be available for purchase (cash only). Games are suitable for those ages three and older.

Tasty Books

Saturday, January 19 – *The Popcorn Book*

Saturday, February 23 – *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*

10:30 a.m. – Noon

\$5 per child

Young booklovers enter the tasty world of food-themed books using all five senses. Stories come to life with creative crafting and make-your-own snacks. All supplies are included. Activities are suitable for ages two to eight.

Crafty Hour

Friday, February 1

7 – 9 p.m.

\$10 + supply fee (adults only, varies, due upon entry)

Happy Hour with a crafty twist! Join us for a social night out and learn to master DIY projects with tips and tricks of the trade. Need a sitter? There will be separate activities available for children ages three and older, with additional registration. Supplies are not included but are available for purchase at the event. Ticket required for all participants. Cash only concessions available for purchase, including wine and beer. Must be 21 or older to purchase alcohol.

Movie Night

Friday, January 18

6 – 9 p.m.

\$2

Lights, Camera, Action! Enjoy a family friendly movie screening. Feel free to bring a cushion or blanket to get cozy. Recommended for ages three and older. Concessions will be available for purchase (cash only).

About Casey Community Center

Built in 1938 by Eugene B. Casey, the facility initially functioned as a dairy farm. In 1949, it was rented to the National Institutes of Health for animal trials of the Salk Polio vaccine. It was known as “NIH Farm” from 1949 to 1960. The property was donated to the City of Gaithersburg in 1971, and it opened as Casey Community Center in 1977. It has been renovated several times since, and today Casey Community Center is home to the City’s Creative Tot Time Preschool program, new family programming, and a new series of cooking classes. It also hosts nearly 215 different recreation classes for all ages throughout the year. Rental space is available for meetings, weddings, birthday parties and other social activities. For information visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6366.

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